

# How Does Recycling Help the Environment?

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Hello, today I will be taking you on a Waste Management Truck Ride! At our first stop we will be picking up the recycled paper bins. Second, we will pick up the recycled glass bins. Lastly, we will pick up the recycled plastic bins. I hope you enjoy your ride and learn a lot! Put on your seatbelts, and we will be on our way!

This is our first stop! Right now we will be picking up the bins with recycled papers. There are many people who just waste paper for no reason. If you don't recycle papers, you are hurting trees. There is a possibility that sometime in the future there might not be any trees left, and everyone will be upset. People shouldn't be upset because it was partly their fault. Cutting down trees is bad for us because we need oxygen from trees. I believe we really should try harder to conserve paper and to recycle what we can. Well, let me get back into the truck, and we will be on our way to our second stop.

Here we are! We will be picking up the bins with recycled glass. If people don't recycle glass it is bad for us because we can get hurt. We can get cut and we all know how much cuts hurt. Also, recycled glass can be used for other purposes. Glass can take up lots of land. Let's get going to our next stop.

Ok, we are here! We will be picking up the bins with plastics. Many people drink liquid out of plastic bottles and don't recycle them. We can recycle plastic bottles or make them into fun projects. If you don't recycle, plastics take lots of your garbage space. It is also good to recycle plastics because there are lots of plastics in the world, and if we don't recycle plastic bottles the land will be covered with plastics. When we get back to Waste Management we will sort these recycled objects. Let's hit it!

Well, it's time to separate! We will separate by colors, and materials. We will also clean the materials. Then the materials will be sent on to be made into new containers and products. When you get off the truck watch your step! I hope you have a wonderful day, and remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle.